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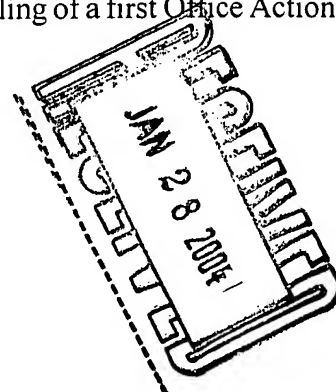
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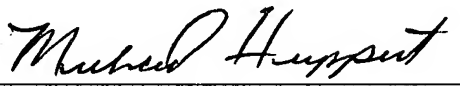
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  - d. ☐ the concise explanation set forth in the attached English language abstract,
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Respectfully submitted,

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